

Remarks/Arguments

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the Notice of Allowability mailed June 16, 2008. The status of the application is as follows: claims 25-38 and 45-49 are pending, claims 25-38 are allowed, claims 39-44 have been canceled, claim 31 has been amended, and claims 45-49 have been added. Claim 31 has been amended for clarity without altering scope.

Newly added claims 45-49 depend from allowed claims. Therefore, applicant respectfully requests entry and allowance of claims 45-49. Support for the added claims can be found on page 5, lines 15-17, page 7, 1-11, and elsewhere

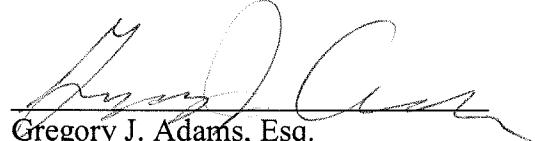
Applicant notes that claims 1-24 and 39-44 were cancelled from further consideration for facilitating expeditious prosecution and not for any issue of patentability. Applicant is not conceding that the cancelled claims are not patentable over the art of record. Applicant respectfully reserves the right to pursue the cancelled claims and/or other claims in one or more continuations and/or divisional patent applications.

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Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that the pending claims distinguish patentably and non-obviously over the prior art of record. An early indication of allowability is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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